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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MARINA DEL REY SEAWALL INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that approval of this Contract is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Consultant Services Agreement to HPA, Inc., for maintenance and inspection services for the Marina del Rey Seawall for a \$1,000,000 not-to-exceed amount funded from the Department of Beaches and Harbors' Operating General Fund budget and to establish the effective Contract date following receipt of insurance certificates filed by the consultant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Marina del Rey Seawall is a key public infrastructure component that supports the Marina del Rey Small Craft Harbor. It consists of 728 reinforced concrete panels covering approximately 7.2 miles. In 1986, one of the seawall panels collapsed in Basin C. Early investigation by the County indicated that the cause of the failure was corrosion of the reinforcing steel at the base of the panels. In 1994, Beaches and Harbors and Public Works identified the following three-step plan to address the

problem: (1) conduct impact-echo testing to identify wall panels damaged by corrosion, (2) provide a structural repair consisting of reinforcing each panel with tie-rods extending from the outside (sea side) of the wall to reinforced concrete caissons placed behind the wall (land side), and (3) install an impressed current cathodic protection system to protect the seawall from further deterioration. In February 1998, the final phase of construction was completed.

On July 25, 2002, your Board awarded a 2-year, with one 2-year option Consultant Agreement to TranSystems Corporation (formerly Concept Marine Associates) to provide ongoing maintenance and inspection services for the seawall. During the term of this Contract, TranSystems Corporation provided a variety of specialty consulting and inspection services to maintain the cathodic protection system and monitor for possible damage or deterioration of the seawall.

At the request of Beaches and Harbors, in anticipation of the expiration of the existing Maintenance Agreement, Public Works conducted a competitive selection process and selected HPA to provide ongoing maintenance and inspection services. The Agreement utilizes a turnkey approach that consists of three elements: maintenance and inspection, as-needed repairs, and engineering design for all components and subsystems of the seawall. They will provide an initial assessment of the condition of the cathodic protection system and the structural caisson/tie-back system. Routine inspections will include examination of the tie-rod bolts and covers, inspection of seawall cracks, and observation of any signs of subsidence behind the seawall. The Agreement also allows for the consultant to provide as-needed repairs and design engineering for any damage that may occur during the life of the Consultant Contract. This turnkey Agreement will provide flexibility to handle the many different issues that could potentially impact the seawall.

The term of the proposed Agreement is for 2 years with 3 additional option years. Much of this fee is for as-needed services that would be authorized on a case-by-case basis. Approval of the recommended actions will help to ensure the long-term structural integrity and stability of the seawall.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as this work is an investment in public infrastructure that will extend the useful life of the Marina del Rey Seawall.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended Agreement is for a \$1,000,000 not-to-exceed fee. Beaches and Harbors has sufficient funds available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 operating budget for the Consultant Services Agreement. The annual expenditures will fluctuate over the life of the project and will be approximately \$200,000 per year. Funding for these services for future years will be requested during the annual budget process and will be contingent upon increased Marina revenues. Public Works is administering this Contract on behalf of Beaches and Harbors.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The Agreement includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for Contract termination, renegotiations, hiring qualified displaced County employees, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and Child Support Compliance.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for Contract award, HPA is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunities for Work participants for future employment.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of this Agreement is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(d), and under Class 1, subsection (c) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines as the project involves restoration/rehabilitation of the existing Marina del Rey Seawall structure with no expansion of use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On May 8, 2006, a Request for Proposals was issued to 24 firms. Four firms responded to the request. An Evaluation Committee, consisting of staff from Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. This evaluation was done without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee is recommending HPA as the best qualified firm to perform the required services.

The recommended Contract is for an initial 2-year term with the option of three 1-year extensions at the County's discretion for a maximum term of 5 years.

HPA's 3-year contracting history with the County is on file with Public Works. Based on HPA's proposal, Community Business Enterprise participation for HPA's subconsultants is anticipated to be 51 percent of the total Contract value.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Beaches and Harbors and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: County Counsel
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